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#### **Application Elements (Continued)** Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113) Formal **Number of Sheets** a. 🔲 b. 🛛 Informal Number of Sheets 10 a. Newly executed (original or copy) X Unexecuted b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only) c. With Power of Attorney ■ Without Power of Attorney DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) d. □ Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. ☐ CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix) 6. Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76) ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all must be included) a. Computer Readable Form (CFR) i. D CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. 🗆 Paper Statement(s) Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy **Accompanying Application Parts** 9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) 12. Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations 13. Preliminary Amendment 14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized) 15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed) 16. Certificate of Mailing

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19.		Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.
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